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14. [redacted] In connection with his earlier call on Agency views concerning the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Termination of the National Emergency, I advised George Gilbert, Legislative Reference Division, OMB, that after checking our records I was sure that we had not received a request from the Committee for our views, but told him that we would get a copy of the recommendation and would advise him of any substantive comments that we develop.

I then spoke to Mrs. Hatry, on the Special Committee on the Termination of the National Emergency, who confirmed that the Agency view's had not been requested as a result of an oversight in the Committee. In response to my request and recommendation she agreed to send us a copy of the Committee's recommendations with the understanding that they would hear from us only if we had substantive comments to offer.

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15. [redacted] After several misses, finally contacted Mark Bender, writer with the "Congressional Quarterly", who had raised the question last night.

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16. [redacted] In response to my query, Jim Woolsey, General Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, said that he felt the Committee would be able to push through a retirement act amendment this session if the exigencies demand, but deferred to Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, on the substantive issue of a catch-up amendment for CIARDS to achieve comparability with the recent cost of living adjustment revision in the Civil Service Retirement Act.

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17. [redacted] Scott Cohen, Executive Assistant to Senator Charles H. Percy (R., Ill.), called and asked if it would be possible for him to talk to one of our Middle East experts to get a rundown in the Arab/Israeli hostilities. I told Cohen that our "experts" were all heavily committed in meetings and task forces activities, but I gave him the highlights of the situation based on the Director's briefing papers and the latest situation reports. Cohen said he had heard reports there were some North Korean pilots fighting for the Arabs and wondered if this was so. I told him I was not aware of it but would look into it and let him know.

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